REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are presently pending. The response filed on March 26, 2003 was alleged to be non-responsive for two reasons: the Sequence Rules were allegedly not complied with and the response to the double patenting rejection was allegedly non-responsive. Applicants address the issues below.

Sequence Listing

As the Examiner acknowledges and as explained in the previous response, the sequences depicted in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:2) and Figure 12 (SEQ ID NO:18) are <u>single</u> proteins, which are depicted in the Figures such that the three zinc fingers making up the <u>single</u> protein are aligned to one another. These Figures properly reference one sequence identifier that includes all amino acids shown in the drawing.

Furthermore, submitted herewith is a replacement Sequence Listing in which the typographical errors in SEQ ID NOs:2 and 18 have been corrected. Accordingly, Applicants have fully complied with the Sequence Rules and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Examined claims 1-41 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over the claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,453. (Office Action, pages 12-13). Applicants believe that a double patenting rejection is improper because, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 251, a patent is to be reissued "for the unexpired part of the term of the original patent." Therefore, Applicants request clarification as to the need to file a Terminal Disclaimer. In the event the Examiner does not agree and provides Applicants with information to the contrary, Applicants will submit a Terminal Disclaimer as to pending claims 1-41.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for reissuance. If the Examiner notes any further matters which the Examiner believes may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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